

**Rolling stocks**

528. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the anticipated growing demand of rolling stocks in the railways; and
- (b) the plan envisaged to make coaches and components and set up more manufacturing units in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The production programme for acquisition of locomotives and coaches, for 2007-08 and 2008-09, which are based on the requirements of projected traffic, are as under:

	2007-08	2008-09
Diesel Locomotives	200	250
Electric Locomotives	200	250
Coaches	3,481	3,707

(b) The Ministry of Railways have taken a number of measures to meet the increase in demand of Rolling Stock and components:

- (i) works have been approved to increase production capacities in Locomotives & Coach building production units at Diesel Locomotive Works (DLW), Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW), Integral Coach Factory (ICF) & Rail Coach Factory (RCF).
- (ii) A new wheel manufacturing unit is being set up for manufacture of 1,00,000 wheels per year.
- (iii) Approvals have been taken to set up a new Coach Factory for manufacture of 1000 coaches per year and a Diesel Locomotive factory to manufacture 150 Locomotives per year.

**Salem railway division**

529. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: